



June 10, 2015

Item No. 6

RATIFY AND ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,845 FROM THE EMERGENCY SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAM AND INCREASE THE ASSET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FY2015 ACCORDINGLY. THIS GRANT AWARD FROM HUD WILL BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND OTHER SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT ALTGELD GARDENS.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to ratify and accept a grant award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in the amount of \$248,845 from HUD’s Emergency Safety and Security Program and to increase CHA’s Asset Management budget accordingly for FY 2015. This grant award from HUD may only be utilized to support and enhance CHA’s existing surveillance network and infrastructure at Altgeld Gardens.

CORPORATE GOAL

The Emergency Safety and Security grant supports CHA’s corporate goal of ensuring that CHA’s housing portfolio is safe, decent and sustainable.

FUNDING

Grant Funds

HUD Emergency Safety and Security Program (Grant Funds)	\$ 248,845.00
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COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

N/A

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Emergency Safety and Security Program is to address safety and security emergencies that pose an increased threat to the health and safety of public housing residents. These grant funds will be used to supplement the existing video surveillance camera network at Altgeld Gardens. Gang warfare and open drug markets pose an everyday threat to the 3,500 residents living at Altgeld, and over the past year crime incidents have increased nearly 13%.

The Emergency Safety and Security grant will be used to purchase security equipment to augment and enhance the existing surveillance camera network at Altgeld Gardens, including:

- Sixty (60) new cameras with fast and precise pan/tilt performance for wide area coverage and great detail when zooming in low light conditions.
- Two HP Gamma Series Client Viewing Stations for the project management office with remote access and control of cameras.
- Four 55" LG Smart video monitors for the CHA security office and Altgeld project management office.
- 4 Panasonic C2 Toughbooks to monitor video tapes in the field.
- Additional lenses for two existing cameras to monitor wide areas, capturing details with just one click. The lenses are easily mounted onto existing cameras.

The enhanced digital camera system will allow CHA representatives to better zoom in on areas of concern, cover blind spots and enter video files into evidence. Like existing cameras, video files and data from these enhancements to the system can assist the Chicago Police Department in investigations and criminal prosecutions. The integrated access control system will ease identification of people entering CHA properties.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority Board policies. The Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Resident Services concur with the recommendation to ratify and accept a grant award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in the amount of \$248,845 from the Emergency Safety and Security Program and increase the Asset Management Department budget accordingly.

The CEO/President recommends that the Board ratify and accept a grant award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in the amount of \$248,845 from the Emergency Safety and Security Program and increase the Asset Management Department budget accordingly.

The Chief Financial Officer, Deputy Chief Housing Officer of Asset Management, and the Office of the General Counsel have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-CHA-50

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated June 10, 2015 entitled "RATIFY AND ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ("HUD") IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,845 FROM THE EMERGENCY SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAM AND INCREASE THE ASSET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FY2015 ACCORDINGLY. THIS GRANT AWARD FROM HUD WILL BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND OTHER SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT ALTGELD GARDENS".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to ratify and accept a grant award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in the amount of \$248,845 from the Emergency Safety and Security Program and increase the FY 2015 Asset Management Department budget accordingly. This grant award from HUD may only be utilized to support and enhance CHA's existing surveillance network and infrastructure at Altgeld Gardens.

